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Remarks/Arguments

Reconsideration of this application is requested.

In accordance with the Board of Appeal, March 24, 2009, Decision Applicant elects to reopen prosecution pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.50(b).

Applicant submits that Savage (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0026394 A1), (Now U.S. Patent No. 7,236,950) in view of Carlin (U.S. Patent No. 6,697,843 B1) does not disclose or anticipate the following steps of claim 1 as amended and those claims dependent thereon. Namely generating by a fourth computer unit the bill based upon the billing information to the customer in the form of electronic data with billing information suitable for printing, and

transmitting by a fourth computer unit the bill, to an optimal mailing location for printing and mailing to the customer.

In view of the above claim 1-18 as amended. If the Examiner has any questions would the Examiner, please call the undersigned at the telephone number notes below.

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